IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thakkar

Appl. No.: 10/599854

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For: Flexible Nail Assembly for Fractures

of Long Bones

Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

Attorney Docket No.:TKKR-001

Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted prior to receiving any office action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115. Entry of this preliminary amendment, prior to substantive examination, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page number 7 of this paper.